

OPEN

What's one question you asked today?
Why did you ask that question?

Why do people sometimes ask questions they already know the answers to?

John 5:1-9

After this there was a feast of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now there is in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate a pool, in Aramaic called Bethesda, which has five roofed colonnades. ³In these lay a multitude of invalids—blind, lame, and paralyzed.* ⁵One man was there who had been an invalid for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had already been there a long time, he said to him, “Do you want to be healed?” ⁷The sick man answered him, “Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up, and while I am going another steps down before me.” ⁸Jesus said to him, “Get up, take up your bed, and walk.” ⁹And at once the man was healed, and he took up his bed and walked.

Now that day was the Sabbath.

* Some manuscripts insert: *waiting for the moving of the water;* ⁴*for an angel of the Lord went down at certain seasons into the pool, and stirred the water: whoever stepped in first after the stirring of the water was healed of whatever disease he had*

DISCOVER

Jesus uses questions to reveal the heart of people.

What is surprising about Jesus asking the man if he wants to be healed?

What does the invalid say is his problem? Specifically, what does the invalid want?

What does the invalid's reply tell you about where he has placed his faith?

What does Jesus require of the invalid before healing him?

When does this miracle take place? Why might this be significant?

DEEPEN

Jesus uses questions to lead His hearers to a greater understanding of their greatest problem and the One who can meet their deepest need.

Why do you think Jesus asks such an obvious question? What point is He making?

Why do you think Jesus immediately heals rather than reasoning with, teaching, or correcting the invalid?

